

Belmont Cultural Council  
October 26, 2011 minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:40

Present: Sarah Freiberg Ellison (chair), Sara Bruya, Jirair Hovsepien, Anne Levy, Ilyse Robbins Mohr, Anne Quirk, Rebecca Richards, Christine Sandvik, Ken Stalberg.

Absent: Alessandra Cooper

The meeting began with a discussion of procedures. Ilyse Mohr, who previously served on the Watertown Cultural Council, spoke approvingly of their tradition of inviting (but not requiring) all applicants to appear before the committee and briefly make the case for their projects.

The bulk of the meeting was devoted to the 2012 BCC grant applications. Sarah Ellison prepared and distributed a spreadsheet, which assigned a number and presented basic information about each application. All were discussed in turn.

The following applications have been assigned to committee members for further review:

#1 Yetti Frankel/Storytelling	assigned to Rebecca Richard
#2 Kate Carney/Performance	assigned to Anne Quirk
#5 Kathleen Fahey/Performance	assigned to Anne Quirk
#6 Richard Clark/Performance	assigned to Anne Levy
#8 John Root/ Presentation	assigned to Sara Bruya
#9 Butler School/ Kite Project	assigned to Anne Levy
#10 Powers Music/Concert	assigned to Ken Stalberg
#11 Belmont Historical/Band	assigned to Christine Sandvik
#14 Wellington/Presentation	assigned to Sara Bruya
#15 Chenery/Performance	assigned to Ilyse Mohr
#18 Denise Doucette/Performance	assigned to Rebecca Richard
#19 Marble Magazine/Mentoring	assigned to Ken Stalberg
#20 Odaiko/ Performance	assigned to Christine Sandvik
#21 Belmont HS/ costumes	assigned to Ilyse Mohr
#22 Belmont World Film/film series	assigned to Jirair Hovsepien
#23 Rees Fdn//Film	assigned to Rebecca Richard

The following applications were denied by unanimous vote of the committee because no local partner was attached to the project:

- #4 Shane Wood Jazz Trio
- #7 Henry Lappan/Juggler
- #12 Ed Cope/Reading Program
- #13 Ed Wirt/Performance
- #16 Paul Bouchard/Performance
- #17 Peter McNeany/Performance

The following application was denied by unanimous vote of the committee because the BCC, as clearly stated on its materials, doesn't fund school field trips:

- #3 Butler School/trip

Christine Sandvik spoke about the ongoing reorganization efforts at the Belmont Gallery of Art and asked the committee to set aside time at its next meeting to further discuss the BCC's relationship with the gallery and its possible involvement in the gallery's reorganization.

The next two meeting dates were set: Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, and Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, both at 7:30 in Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Minutes submitted by Anne Quirk, Secretary